

# Chatham County Jail prisoner volumes

## Descriptive Summary

<b>Repository:</b>	Georgia Historical Society
<b>Creator:</b>	Chatham County Jail (Savannah, Ga.)
<b>Title:</b>	Chatham County Jail prisoner volumes
<b>Dates:</b>	1884-1891
<b>Extent:</b>	1.0 cubic feet (2 volumes)
<b>Identification:</b>	MS 1851

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## Biographical/Historical Note

The Chatham County Jail was commissioned in 1791 by the Mayor and Alderman of the city of Savannah, Georgia. The first Chatham County Jail was built in 1801 and was located in LaFayette Ward in Savannah. In 1846, a new jail was erected between Whitaker and Barnard Streets and remained there until 1888 when the jail moved to Habersham Street. In 1978, the jail was again moved, this time to Montgomery Street next to the Chatham County Judicial Complex.

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## Scope and Content Note

This collection contains records of the prisoners confined in the Chatham County Jail in Savannah, Georgia from 1884 to 1891. These records list the names of the prisoners, the dates of their confinement and discharge, their offense and term of sentence, whether the prisoner was sent to the penitentiary or the chain gang, and the person responsible for their committal and discharge.

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## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into 2 volumes:

Volume 1: 1884-1887

Volume 2: 1888-1891

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## Index Terms

Chatham County Jail (Savannah, Ga.)  
Jails--Georgia--Chatham County.  
Jails--Georgia--Savannah.  
Prisoners--Georgia--Chatham County.  
Prisoners--Georgia--Savannah.  
Records (documents)

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## Administrative Information

### Processing Information

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## **Restrictions**

### **Access Restrictions**

The collection is open for research.

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## **Sponsorship**

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